

Andrew Jackson to Benjamin B. Cooper, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO BENJAMIN B. COOPER.

Washington, July, 1831.

D'r sir, your letter of the 15th ultimo came duly to hand, but I could not answer it with propriety until I wrote home, to be informed of the Condition of Bolivar, the stud Horse I proposed to sell you. I have just recd a letter from my son stating he is in good condition, and high health, that his colts are of the first order both as to size and appearence. Bolivar was got by oscar, by wonder, by the imported and celebrated Horse Diomede. His dam by Pacolet, by citizen, his granddam by Truxton, one of the first colts of the imported Diomede, his Great Grand dam the noted running mare opossum filly, famed in her day for four mile heats—her Pedigree has been mislaid so that it cannot be found, but she was got by wildair, as I believe. Bolivar is about sixteen hands and one inch high, a bea[u]tiful dapple Gray six years old next September, finely formed, his bone and sinew not surpassed by any horse in america, and his blood as pure as any stock can be. he is well calculated for a breeding horse, for the saddle, harness or the Turf, for which I will take two thousand dollars and deliver him at this place between this and the first of January next. If the horse Bolivar does not fill the description given of him When examined by the Gentleman selected to receive him, he remains my property, if he does two thousand dollars to be paid for him on delivery or secured to be paid at a short day. On the receipt of your answer that you will take him on those terms, I will order him on

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here and when he reaches here will advise you thereof. a speedy answer will oblige me, as their are several applications for this Horse.